

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the abstract. The applicant herewith submits an amended abstract, attached on a separate page, for substitution on file.

The applicant has also attended to amending page 40, line 29 and page 45, line 5 to introduce references to the relevant US patent application numbers.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 23 as being in improper form. Applicant has amended claim 23 to depend only from claim 1.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected claims 1 - 22 and 24 - 47 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting in respect of co-pending application no. 10/815,648.

The applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer in respect of co-pending application no. 10/815,648.

Applicant believes that all objections and rejections have now been addressed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections. The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance of all the claims presently under examination.

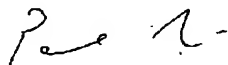
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